

**COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND**  
**2013 Legislative Session**

Resolution No. CR-97-2013  
 Proposed by Council Members Olson and Campos  
 Introduced by Council Members Olson, Campos, Franklin, Lehman,  
Turner and Davis  
 Date of Introduction September 17, 2013

**RESOLUTION**

1 A RESOLUTION concerning

2 State of Maryland Community Legacy Program

3 For the purpose of approving the application by CASA de Maryland, Inc., a Maryland nonprofit,  
 4 through the Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development for funding through  
 5 the Community Legacy Financial Assistance Fund to assist in maintaining the Multicultural  
 6 Center in Langley Park.

7 WHEREAS, Section 6-201 through 6-211 of the Housing and Community Development  
 8 Article, Annotated Code of Maryland, established the Community Legacy Program to preserve  
 9 existing communities as desirable places to live and conduct business and provide financial  
 10 assistance to sponsors for the development of community legacy plans or community legacy  
 11 projects; and

12 WHEREAS, Sections 6-206 (b)(1) provides that the Maryland Department of Housing and  
 13 Community Development ("Department") may not approve an application for participation in  
 14 the Community Legacy Program unless the application is approved by the political subdivision;  
 15 and

16 WHEREAS, CASA de Maryland, Inc., is applying to the Department for the Community  
 17 Legacy Program for funds to maintain the McCormick-Goodhart Mansion, a Prince George's  
 18 County Historic Site, which houses its Multicultural Service Center, as described in Attachment  
 19 "A" and incorporated herein by reference; and

20 WHEREAS, the Multicultural Service Center will serve the low-income immigrant  
 21 community in the County, thereby contributing to the reinvestment in and revitalization of the  
 22 area; and

1 WHEREAS, the County Executive expresses approval of the application submitted by  
2 CASA de Maryland, Inc. and its Multicultural Service Center as a Community Legacy Project.

3 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the County Council of Prince George's  
4 County, Maryland, hereby approves the application from CASA de Maryland, Inc. for the  
5 "Multicultural Service Center Project" submitted to the Maryland Department of Housing and  
6 Community Development for participation in the Community Legacy Program in the  
7 approximate amount of \$131,693.

8 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the County Executive, by his signature, expresses  
9 approval of the application submitted by CASA de Maryland, Inc.

10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this Resolution be sent to the Secretary of  
11 Housing and Community Development of the State of Maryland for consideration.

Adopted this 24<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2013.

COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE  
GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND

BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
Andrea C. Harrison  
Chairperson

ATTEST:

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Redis C. Floyd  
Clerk of the Council

APPROVED:

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_ BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
Rushern L. Baker, III  
County Executive

**ATTACHMENT A**

**PROJECT INFORMATION SHEET**  
**McCormick-Goodhart Mansion**  
**Casa de Maryland, Inc. Multicultural Center**  
**Community Legacy Financial Assistance Fund**

CASA de Maryland, Inc. (CASA) is a 501(c)(3) community-based nonprofit organization whose mission is to improve the quality of life and social and economic well being of the Latino and immigrant community in Maryland. Since its founding in 1985, CASA has provided key services to residents of the areas immediately adjacent to the property known as the McCormick-Goodhart Mansion, a Prince George's County Historic Site located in the Langley Park neighborhood of Hyattsville, Maryland. CASA takes pride in its accomplishments as a community resource, facilitator and advocate for more than 40,000 low-income Latino community members each year. With an overall operating budget of just over \$7,000,000 and a staff of over 100, CASA not only provides direct services, but also teaches participants ways to more fully participate in social, economic, and civic life through programs like employment, legal, and social services, education, health promotion and access, community organizing, and leadership development.

CASA's Multicultural Center has been fully operational since 2010 and the organization has significantly increased its capacity to provide direct social, legal, health, citizenship, and community organizing services. The Center is within walking distance of over 2,000 residential units in the heart of Langley Park's low-income immigrant community. In the Center's first three years, CASA has established its direct service programs and expanded its educational programming to include ESOL, citizenship, financial literacy, and civic participation. CASA plans to continue expanding its economic development training and projects at the Multicultural Center over the next few years.

CASA previously received funding from the Community Legacy Program to fund a feasibility study in 2003, which determined that the overall stability of the structure of the Mansion that houses the MCC was sound and feasible to convert to a multicultural center. In 2008, CASA received additional Community Legacy support towards the Multicultural Center project in the amount of \$225,000 (\$200,000 for capital and \$25,000 for operating). Conversion of the

McCormick-Goodhart Home into a Multicultural Center began in December 2008. To date, the architectural/engineering phase is 100% complete and the construction phase is 100% complete. The historic and green (project is expected to receive Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design/LEED Gold certification) Multicultural Center serves 6,000 low-income individuals annually. Throughout this process, CASA worked in partnership with the National Trust for Historic Preservation, the Maryland Historic Trust, the Redevelopment Authority of Prince George's County, and the Prince George's Department of Housing and Community Development.

Using the Mansion to its fullest potential is key to CASA's future, providing the organization with the increased space, improved visibility and strengthened community partnerships needed for sustainability. In FY14, CASA will continue to maintain the facility, conduct capital improvements to the building and grounds and provide valuable services to the Langley Park community and others throughout the county and the state. The proposed project for Community Legacy Funding encompasses the following:

1. Roof membrane/windowsill flashing investigation and repair in six offices.
2. Chimney and flashing inspection and masonry tuck-pointing for leak in one office.
3. Exterior building envelope repairs in leaking areas.
4. Roofing/gutter repairs for approximately 350 LF of gutter/water table.
5. Repair deteriorated soccer field (netting, new goals, turf repair)
6. Replace and repair damaged playground equipment

CASA is working to secure community and corporate support in order to continue supporting this important project.